

**FLOODING MITIGATION COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES - Draft  
DECEMBER 10, 2014 – 5:00 p.m.**

The City of Miami Beach Flooding Mitigation Committee met on Wednesday, December 10, 2014, 5:15 p.m. in the City Manager's Large Conference Room. The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Michael Grieco, Vice Chair. Mayor Philip Levine, Commissioners Joy Malakoff and Micky Steinberg were in attendance. The minutes of the meeting held November 12, 2014 will be submitted to the City Commission for approval at the December 17, 2014 meeting.

**PRESENTATION OF CROSS SECTIONS FOR ELEVATED STREETS**

Alan Wise, Bergeron Land Development, presented typical location slides of West Avenue showing what a rise of up to two feet in elevation for streets and sidewalks would look like. A public meeting will be held on Monday, December 12, 2014, 6 p.m. in the City Manager's Large Conference Room to present the information and answer questions. There was discussion of creating harmony in the transition in elevation and complying with ADA requirements. Drainage on the streets and sidewalks will tie into pump stations. Over time, it is hoped that private buildings will be raised. At this time raising buildings cannot be mandated but can be encouraged. There was discussion on a need of setting new policies to coordinate public/private efforts. Cross streets including 6, 10, 14 and 17 between Alton and West are included in the current proposed plan. Other cross streets will be filled in at a later date. There will be a phased approach to raising the City. Mike Alvarez, Public Works Operations, stated the need for placement of generators next to pump stations

**ACTION: NO ACTION TAKEN**

**UPDATE ONGOING PROJECTS**

Bruce Mowry, City Engineer, announced that he emailed the Re:invest Partner City Report to Flooding Mitigation Committee members. Betsy Wheaton, Assistant Building Director, explained that this is a public/private team partnership that examines technologies for addressing Sea Level Rise and Climate Change. The report will be finalized at the end of February and presented to the Blue Ribbon Panel. Re:invest is funded through the Rockefeller Foundation. Bruce reviewed completion dates for pump stations around the City in time for the Spring tides and thanked Dr. Kraai for his assistance. He gave updates on Sunset Harbor, Lower North Bay Road, Middle and Upper Alton Road, Venetians, Sunsets 3&4, Palm/Hibiscus, Crespie Boulevard and Dade Boulevard. Scott announced that the Mayor's office will be coordinating a meeting with FDOT regarding upcoming Alton projects.

**ACTION: NO ACTION TAKEN**

**AECOM**

Tom McGowan reported that they are continuing to work on the White Paper on unintended consequences of raising base flood elevations, the Master Plan Model, West Avenue Infill, Crespie Blvd. Convention Center pumps and Revolving Loan Funds.

**ACTION: NO ACTION TAKEN**

**INDIAN CREEK DRIVE**

Raul Aguila, City Attorney discussed the possible methods for funding the replacement of seawalls along Indian Creek. He will be reaching out to other municipalities to gain information on Special Taxing Districts.

**ACTION: NO ACTION TAKEN**

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m. The meeting will be posted on the City's website [www.miamibeachfl.gov](http://www.miamibeachfl.gov), Quick Links, Commission Committee Referral Tracking (CCRT), and Flooding Mitigation Home Page to obtain future and past agenda.